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SOURCE:

1. The Rayon Hospital in Cesis is located at Komsomolskaya Street, 44. It is an old Latvian institution. In an emergency it can accommodate 500 persons.

Personnel

2. The chief director is Dr. Kupcze (fnu). He is a Latvian, about 50 years old, and a Party member. But he is not too good as director of the hospital. He is also a chief surgeon (sic).
3. The following is a list of the hospital wards with the names and description of the various doctors who work in them:
 - a. Surgical ward: The chief is Dr. Emmerson (fnu), a Latvian, about 50 years old, not a Party member, and a very skilled surgeon.
 - b. Internal ward: The chief is Dr. Berzkalm (fnu), a Latvian, not a Party member, well liked by his patients. With him works Dr. Grunberg (fnu), a woman doctor.
 - c. Tuberculosis ward: The chief is Dr. Grunberg (fnu), husband of the a/m doctor. He is a Latvian and also works as a laryngologist in the hospital. Also in this ward are: Dr. Lanina (fnu), a married Russian woman, who studied in Moscow, and is a skilled doctor; and Dr. Krastin (fnu), a Latvian, an old man with an excellent reputation among his patients. The latter takes X-rays and makes observations on the patients.
 - d. Infectious ward: The chief is Dr. Dubnov (fnu), a Russian woman, who studied at Moscow University. With her are: Dr. Klabis (fnu), a Latvian woman; and Dr. Schmidt (fnu), a Latvian, a Party member, who works also in the MVD office in Cesis. He does autopsies.

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- e. Obstetrics and Children's ward: The chief is Dr. Kimen (fnu), a youngish woman who studied at the Riga university. With her are: her husband, Dr. Kimen (fnu), in the therapeutic ward; Dr. Markiewicz (fnu), a Russian woman, whose husband, also a doctor, works in the regional military command (sic); and Dr. Rose (fnu), a Latvian woman.

4. In all, there are about 80 persons employed at the hospital. These include 14 doctors, two assistant surgeons (feldshery), 60 nurses, three drivers, and a porter. The nurses work on three shifts.

Medicine and Equipment

5. The medical equipment is complete, but it is only old Latvian material.
6. There is a small poorly equipped pharmacy in the hospital. Whenever a doctor needs some medicine, he telephones the pharmacist and asks him what medicines are available. There are also two pharmacies in the town, but they have no more medicines than the one in the hospital.
7. Doctors are forced to prescribe only primitive, available medicines, and sometimes these are unattainable. Even cotton has to be issued on a doctor's prescription. Without a prescription only valerian drops and headache and toothache powders may be purchased at the pharmacies. Doctors usually advise the family of a patient to write for medicine to Riga, Leningrad, Moscow, or abroad.
8. Penicillin is known. It is made in Riga. The production is good (sic). Other new foreign medicines, such as Cortisone are not known. On the black market, one can buy medicines of German, American, or English origin.
9. The hospital has three ambulances, two old Latvian vehicles and a Soviet one.

Physical Set-up

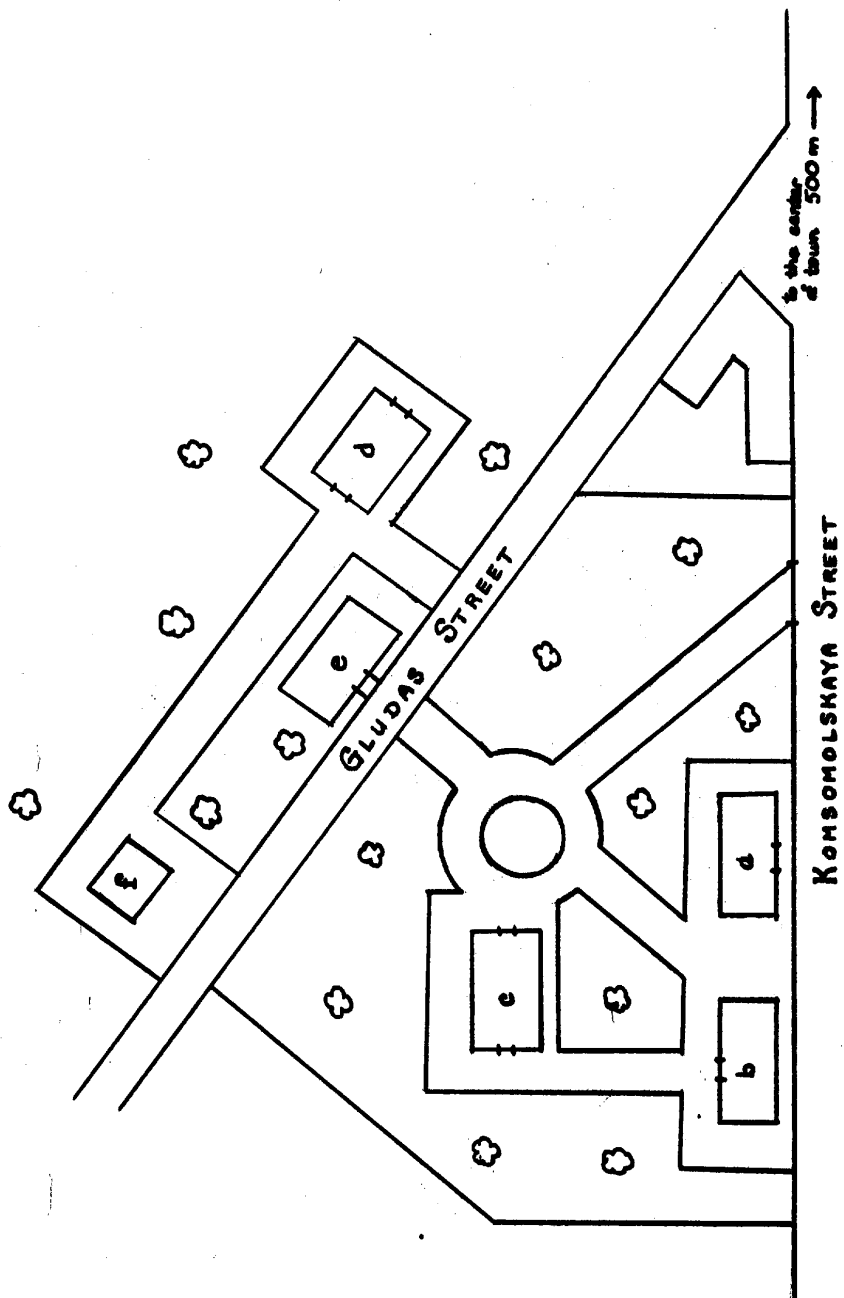
10. The hospital is located in a garden and consists of the following buildings (See sketch on page 3):
- a. The office and therapeutic ward: a two-story, concrete building, 10x30x8 meters.
 - b. The internal and surgical wards: a two-story, concrete building, 10x30x8 meters.
 - c. X-ray and tuberculosis wards: a two-story, concrete building, 10x30x8 meters.
 - d. The obstetric and children's wards: a two-story, concrete building, 10x25x8 meters.
 - e. The infectious ward: a two-story, concrete building, 10x25x8 meters.
 - f. Garage: a one-story, concrete building, 6x6x3 meters.
11. There is also a dispensary in Cesis, located at Sovetskaya Street, 15. (Latvian name: Padomju Iela). It was built in 1950 through the efforts of the former chief director of the hospital, Dr. Silke (fnu). In the dispensary, medical examinations are given to the workers. There is also free treatment for mothers and small children.
12. There is a special tuberculosis dispensary located at Riga Street, 45.
13. In 1952, there were some Russian MVD employees in the hospital who had been wounded by the Latvian underground movement. According to the rumors, the underground movement still exists in the southern part of the country.

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Sketch of the layout of the grounds and
buildings of the rayon hospital in Cesis.



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